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Statutory recommendation of PSC Karen Wong, Assistant Director (CHAIR)

Public Safety Communication 601 Sequoia Pacific Blvd Sacramento, CA 95811 Ph:916-657-9482 Appointed by Governor Brown, Karen oversees the strategic framework and tactical direction for the State's public safety communications systems including California's 9-1-1 network infrastructure supporting 460 Public Safety Answering Points; the State's public safety microwave network; and the State's public safety agencies first responder land mobile radio systems. PSC has 350 employees, a budget of \$67 million, and \$120 million local assistance reimbursement. In addition, Karen is the State's contact to work with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) on the National Public Safety Communications Broadband Network.



Statutory recommendation of CHP Scott Silsbee, Chief

California Highway Patrol 601 North 7th Street Sacramento, CA 95811 Ph:916-843-4000 Scott Silsbee, 47, of Woodland, the Chief Information Officer at the California Highway Patrol, where he has served in various positions since 1988. Silsbee is a Republican.



Statutory recommendation of APCO Charles Melvin Berdan

Alameda Emergency Communications Center 7000 East Avenue, MS L-391 Livermore, CA 94550 Ph:209-748-5695 Charles Berdan, 57, of Herald, has been the dispatch manager at the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center since 2002. He was emergency communications manager at Pacific Bell SBC from 2000 to 2002. Berdan served in various positions at the Sacramento Regional Fire and EMS Communications center from 1979 to 2000, including deputy director. He was a firefighter and dispatcher at the Citrus Heights Fire Department from 1973 to 1979. Berdan is a Democrat.

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Statutory recommendation of CPCA Sam L. Spiegel, Chief

Folsom Police Department 46 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630 Ph:916-355-7240 Chief Sam Spiegel, (Ret.) of Folsom, has been appointed to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board, where he has been serving since 2005. Spiegel has been owner of Public Safety Partners, LLC since 2011. He was Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Folsom from 2001 to 2010 and served as interim City Manager and Assistant City Manager for Folsom in 2006. Prior to his tenure as Chief in the City of Folsom, Spiegel served in multiple positions for the City of Corona Police Department from 1971 to 2001, including Support Services Commander overseeing the public safety PSAP, Dispatch and EMD services for the City. He is a member of the California Police Chiefs Association, former chair of the Law & Legislative Committee for Cal Chiefs, is Chair of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) Advisory Committee and past president of the California Peace Officers Association. Spiegel earned a Master of Science degree in management from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and is a graduate of the POST Command College and the FBI National Academy.



Statutory recommendation of CPCA Michael Langston, Chief

2745 Walnut Avenue Signal Hill, CA 90755. Ph:562-989-7200 Michael Langston, 51, Langston has served as police chief at the Signal Hill Police Department since 2011. He was a captain at the Turlock Police Department from 2007 to 2011 and lieutenant at the San Fernando Police Department from 1988 to 2007. Langston has been a member of the California Police Chiefs Association since 2001, where he serves on the finance committee and represents the association on the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Public Safety Dispatchers Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and Fight Crime: Invest in Kids organization. Langston is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of La Verne.

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Statutory recommendation of CSSA Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff

Placer County P.O Box 6990 Auburn, CA 95604 Ph:530-889-7880 Bonner, 61, of Loomis, has served as the sheriff of Placer County since 1994. He has been a member of the Placer County Sheriff's Department since 1974, serving as a deputy, sergeant and captain before his election as sheriff. Bonner is a member of the executive board of the California State Sheriffs' Association, the Western States Sheriffs' Association and the Criminal Justice Information Systems Western Working Group.



Statutory recommendation of CSSA James W. Mele, Sheriff

Tuolumne County 28 North Lower Sunset Drive Sonora, CA 95370 Ph:209-533-5855 James Mele, 51, of Sonora, has been Sheriff of Tuolumne County since 2006. He has served in various positions at the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office since 1988, including narcotics commander, sergeant, detective, narcotics investigator, patrol deputy and jail deputy. He is a member of the California State Sheriffs' Association, the Sonora Regional Medical Center Civic Advisory Board and the Tuolumne County Suicide Prevention Task Force. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Mele is a Republican.



Statutory recommendation of CFCA Nathan Trauernicht, Fire Chief

California Fire Chief's Association UC Davis Fire Department Fire/Police Building - 1 Shields Ave. Davis, CA 95616 Ph:530-752-6399 Nathan Trauernicht, 33, of Sacramento, has served in multiple positions at the University of California, Davis Fire Department since 2008, including fire chief. He was deputy fire chief for the operations and prevention divisions and interim fire chief at the Oroville Fire Department from 2006 to 2008 and director of fire and emergency programs at Ergometrics and Applied Personnel Research Inc. in 2006. He was a public information officer and public educator at the Marysville Fire District in the State of Washington from 2002 to 2006 and served in multiple positions at Ripley Fire and Rescue in the State of Oklahoma from 1998 to 2002, including fire chief. Trauernicht earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Trauernicht is a Democrat.

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Statutory recommendation of CFCA Lesli J. Wilson, Administrator

North County Dispatch, JPA P.O Box 410 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 Ph:858-756-6042 Lesli Wilson, 49, of Canyon Lake, has been the administrator at the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority since 2007. She served as a senior fire communications supervisor and fire communications dispatcher at the Orange County Fire Authority from 1998 to 2007, communications supervisor at the Camp Pendleton Fire Department from 1994 to 1998 and public safety dispatcher at Murrieta Police and Fire Communications from 1992 to 1993. Wilson is a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association Communications Section Southern Division, National Emergency Number Association and Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials. Wilson is a Republican



Statutory recommendation of CALNENA Jaime Young, Director

Office of Public Safety Communications 400 County Center Suite PSC100 Redwood City, CA 94063 Ph: 650-363-4949 Jaime Young, 53, of San Carlos, has been appointed to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Young has been public safety communications director at the County of San Mateo since 1992. She is a member of the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association, a public safety communications representative of the California State Sheriff's Association and the Emergency Medical Care Committee of the County of San Mateo. Young is the public safety communications representative for the San Mateo County Fire Chief's Association and the California State Sheriffs Association representative to the Peace Officers Standards and Training Public Safety Dispatcher Advisory Council. Young is a Democrat.



Statutory recommendation of CALNENA Charles Cullen, Director

Palo Alto Police Department 275 Forest Ave Palo Alto, CA 94301 Ph:650-329-2331 Charles Cullen, 55, of Mountain View, has served in multiple positions at the Palo Alto Police Department since 1997, including technical services director. He was a telecommunicator for the Oregon State Police from 1995 to 1997 and an agent at U.S. Airways from 1983 to 1995. Cullen is a member of the California chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. He earned a Master of Science degree in emergency management administration from California State University, Long Beach. Cullen is a Democrat.